

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article for placement in the crotch region of an undergarment, comprising:

a generally liquid permeable top cover;

a generally liquid impermeable baffle;

an absorbent structure disposed between said top cover and said baffle;

a pair of physically separate wings, each said wing removably attachable to a garment facing side of said absorbent article independent of said other wing such that a single wing extends transversely from each longitudinal side of said absorbent article, each said wings wing comprising a laterally extending flap portions portion having dimensions so as to at least partially encircle the crotch portion of the undergarment;

said garment facing side of said absorbent article comprising hook material defined in a pattern extending over the surface thereof, said hook material providing a primary attachment between said absorbent article and the undergarment;

said wings having a body facing side of a hook compatible material and a garment facing side comprising hook material defined in a pattern extending over the surface thereof;

means for variably positioning and removably attaching wherein each said wing is variably positionable on and removably attachable to at any location on the entirety of said garment facing side of said absorbent article and, once said wings are attached, generally the entire surface area of said garment facing side of said absorbent article and said attached wings presents an overall pattern of hook material for attachment to the undergarment.

2. **Cancelled.**

3. **Cancelled.**

4. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 2, wherein said flap portions have a longitudinal dimension of at least about one-half of that of said absorbent article.

5. (Previously presented) The absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said baffle and said wings are formed of a different material.

6. (Previously presented) The absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said pattern of hook material is defined on said baffle and matches said pattern of hook material on said wings.

7. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 6, wherein said patterns of hook material comprise longitudinally disposed stripes of said hook material.

8. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 7, wherein said stripes of said hook material have a width of about one-half of a distance between adjacent said stripes.

9. (Previously presented) The absorbent article as in claim 6, wherein said hook material in said patterns comprises between about 5% to about 75% of a total surface area of said baffle and said wings garment facing sides.

10. (Previously presented) The absorbent article as in claim 6, wherein said hook material in said patterns comprises about 25% of a total surface area of said baffle and said wings garment facing sides.

11. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 6, wherein said patterns comprise discontinuous regions of said hook material.

12. (Previously presented) The absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said body facing side of said wings comprises a hook compatible nonwoven material.

13. (Previously presented) The absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said pattern of hook material is defined on said baffle, and said baffle and said wings comprise a base material with regions of hook material deposited thereon.

14. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 13, wherein said regions of hook material are laminated to said base material.

15. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 14, wherein said hook material is formed and laminated to said base material in a single continuous processing step.

16. **Cancelled.**

17. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said article is one of a sanitary napkin, panty liner, and adult incontinent article.

18. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article for placement in the crotch region of an undergarment, comprising:

a cover;

a generally liquid impermeable and vapor permeable baffle having a garment facing side;

an absorbent structure disposed between said cover and said baffle;

a pair of physically separate wings removably attachable to said garment facing side of said baffle, each said wing having a configuration so as to at least partially encircle the crotch portion of the undergarment and attach to each other;

said garment facing side of said baffle and a garment facing side of said wings comprising a hook material provided thereon in a pattern such that said garment facing sides are attachable to the undergarment by way of said hook material;

said wings having a body facing side comprising a hook compatible material and; means for variably positioning and removably attaching wherein said wings are ~~variably positionable on and removably attachable to at any location on~~ said garment facing side of said baffle and, once said wings are attached, a pattern of said hook material is presented on said garment facing sides of said baffle and said attached wings.

19. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 18, wherein said wings have generally the same shape.

20. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 18, wherein said pattern of hook material on said baffle matches said pattern of hook material on said wings.

21. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 20, wherein said patterns of hook material comprise longitudinally disposed and laterally spaced stripes of said hook material.

22. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 21, wherein said stripes of said hook material have a width of about one-half of said lateral spacing between said stripes.

23. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 18, wherein said hook material comprises between about 5% to about 75% of a total surface area of said baffle and said wings garment facing sides.

24. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 18, wherein said patterns of hook material comprises discontinuous regions of said hook material.

25. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 18, wherein said body facing side of said wings comprises a hook compatible nonwoven material.

26. (Previously presented) The absorbent article as in claim 18, wherein said baffle and said wings comprise a base material with said hook material laminated to said base material.

27. (Original) The absorbent article as in claim 18, wherein said article is one of a sanitary napkin, panty liner, and adult incontinent article.